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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ON GROMYKO VISIT AND SALT II

1. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS COVERAGE OF FONMIN GROMYKO'S RECENT
TALKS WITH US OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN LIMITED TO
STRAIGHT FORWARD REPORTING WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT. IT HAS
INCLUDED: PUBLICATION OF THE JOINT US-SOVIET STATEMENT ON SALT
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ACCOMPANIED BY THE UNILATERAL SOVIET DECLARATION ON EXTENSION
OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT (WHICH IT NOTES IS IDENTICAL TO A US
STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER)(P&KZ, 25 SEP); PUBLICATION OF THE
JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS (P, 26
SEP); AND SEVERAL BRIEF TASS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON ON THE PRO-
GRESS OF THE TALKS THEMSELVES.

2. THESE TASS DISPATCHES DESCRIBED THE GROMYKO-CARTER MEETING ON 24 SEP AS "HAVING A BUSINESSLIKE CHARACTER" AND QUOTED A UPI REPORT ON PRESIDENT CARTER HAVING EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE AND MR. BREZHNEV MIGHT MEET PERSONALLY IN THE "NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE" (KZ AND P, 25 SEP). ANOTHER TASS REPORT CARRIED BY KZ ON 24 SEP QUOTED GROMYKO'S "CROSSING THE RIVER" COMMENTS TO THE PRESS IN WHICH HE INDICATED THAT WHILE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE SALT II NEGOTIATIONS, DIFFICULTIES REMAIN IN CONCLUDING A NEW AGREEMENT.

3. THERE WAS NO MENTION OR ALLUSION TO SALT IN OTHER WEEK-END PRESS COMMENTARY INCLUDING PRAVDA'S "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN WHICH HARSHLY CONDEMNED SECDEF BROWN AND THE US IN GENERAL FOR SPEAKING ABOUT A MYTHICAL SOVIET THREAT WHILE ACCELERATING THE ARMS RACE.

4. COMMENT: THE SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF THE GROMYKO TRIP INFORMS THE READER THAT ANOTHER SERIOUS HIGH LEVEL SOVIET-US EXCHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE WHICH YIELDED, IN THE WORDS OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, " SOME PROGRESS IN NARROWING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SIDES" BUT DID NOT PRODUCE A SALT II AGREEMENT. THE READER ALSO LEARNS THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE INDEPENDENTLY DECLARED THEIR INTENTION TO HONOR THE INTERIM AGREEMENT FOLLOWING ITS EXPIRATION ON 3 OCT WHILE CONTINUING ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS TO CONCLUDE A NEW TREATY. THIS REPORTING PROVIDES NO HINT CONCERNING THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES WHICH ARE DEADLOCKING THE NEGOTIATIONS.
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